GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3680
ANSWERED ON:23.12.2004
ISSUE OF CASTE CERTIFICATE TO SCs
Jatiya Dr. Satyanarayan

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the norms Laid down for issuance of caste certificate to the SCs and the name of issuing authority;

(b) the norms for issuing caste certificate to the person of a caste included in the Central list residing anywhere in India ; and

(c) the original order, instruction and direction therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) A statement is laid down on the table of the House.

(b)&(c) In accordance with Article 341 (1) of the Constitution of India, the communities have been specified as Scheduled Castes in respect of a State/Union Territory in the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, as amended from time to time. As such, there is no central list specifying a community as a Scheduled Caste throughout the country.

STATEMENT IN ANSWER TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3680 FOR 23.12.2004 REGARDING ISSUE OF CASTE CERTIFICATE TO SCs BY DR. SATYANARAYANA JATIYA.

The Ministry of Home Affairs had issued instructions to the Chief Secretaries of all State Governments and Union Territory Administrations vide their letter No. 35/1/72-RU (SCT-V) dated 02.05.1975, letter No. BC 12025/2/76-SCT-I dated 22.03.1977 and Letter No. BC. 16014/1/82-SC& BCD-I dated 06.08.1984 on the subject matter of issue of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe certificates according to which, where a person claims to belong to a Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe it should be verified: -

- that the person and his parents actually belong to the community claimed;

- that the community is included in the Presidential Orders specifying the Scheduled Castes in relation to the concerned State;

- that the person belong to that State and to the area within that State in respect of which the community has been scheduled;

- if the person claims to be a Scheduled Caste, he should profess either the Hindu or the Sikh or the Buddhist religion;

- if the person claims to be a Scheduled Tribe he may profess any religion;

- that he should be permanent resident on the date of notification of the Presidential Order applicable in his case.

Following Authorities have been empowered to issue Scheduled Castes certificates: -

1. Distrcit Magistrate/ Additional District Magistrate/ Collector/Deputy Commissioner/ Additional Deputy Commissioner/ Deputy Collector/ 1st Class Stipendary Magistrate/ City Magistrate/# Sub- Divisional Magistrate/ Taluka Magistrate /Executive Magistrate/Extra Assistant Commissioner.

(# = not below the rank of 1st Class Stipendary Magistrate)

2. Chief Presidency Magistrate/ Additional Chief Presidency Magistrate/ Presidency magistrate.

3. Revenue Officers not below the rank of Tehsildar.

4. Sub- Divisional Officer of the area where the candidate and/ or his family normally resides.

5. Administrator/ Secretary to Administrators/ Development Officer (Lakshadweep Islands).